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Docket No. GC724

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Bott *et al.*)

Group Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: 10/091,912)

Examiner: D. Steadman

Filed: March 5, 2002)

For: Mutant *Pseudomonas mendocina*)
Cutinase)Response to Final Office Action Mailed September 27, 2004 and
Advisory Action Mailed January 26, 2005Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following communication, being filed with the present Request for Continued Examination, is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 27, 2004 and Advisory Action mailed January 26, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A marked-up version of the complete set of Claims (indicating the status of each Claim), begins on page 2. The Remarks begin on page 6, and the Conclusion is on page 10. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).